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The following references are noted as being potentially relevant to the subject matter of the present application:

U.S. Pat. No. 4,868,025 to Strzelewicz discloses a cushioned bag and a method and apparatus for making same. The bag has two multilayer sections each comprising an outer layer of flexible thermoplastic material, a middle polyolefin film and an inner layer of cushioning material. The multilayer sections are fused together along an edge of the bag by an application of heat and pressure to form a seamed edge having a bead of fused material of the three layers. The outer layer is contemplated to be a fibrous non-woven thermoplastic sheet material such as Tyvek®. It is indicated that the inner layer may be a cushioning material such as polyolefin foam or polyolefin film laminate having a plurality of air-filled cavities. The middle layer is contemplated to be a high density polyethylene or polypropylene film or other thermoplastic film that is suitable for laminating to the inner layer.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,448,320 to Kapolas discloses a closure that utilizes a liner formed of plastisol that puffs or expands when cured. The liner has a skirt portion and in its cured state, has a lower portion having a thicker radial dimension that forms a locking or retention bead projecting radially inwardly beyond axially adjacent portions of the liner skirt. The bead appears to be integrally formed on the liner skirt and is engageable beneath a bead on a container neck so as to assist in retaining the closure.

Published U.S. Application No. 2003/0044558 to Lee et al. discloses a self-closing releasable package material formed from paper, plastic, Tyvek® or other laminate that is cohesively coated for initially sealing the package. The material further includes a pressure-sensitive adhesive for a second sealing of the same package and a liner to protect the pressure-sensitive adhesive during sealing of the package.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,873,641 to Spinelli discloses a liner for a food product case comprising a non-woven textile mat that is non-absorbent to liquids but is gas permeable. The mat comprises an upper surface of a non-skid medium which may be puff ink. Puff ink is applied by a silk screening process which allows for highly detailed multi-colored graphics to be applied to the mat. The liner is contemplated to serve as a portion of the point of purchase display.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,133,088 to Dunlap discloses a sock having a puff ink applied thereon. The ink is screen printed to the upper heel area of the sock and is heat set. The ink expands upon heating and forms a friction producing surface on the outer sock surface.

The following references may also be of interest.

U.S. Patents

3,559,800	4,778,712	4,997,504	5,822,884
3,570,750	4,849,040	5,133,088	5,836,444
3,599,538	4,868,025	5,242,365	5,873,641
3,829,007	4,876,125	5,512,337	5,944,189
4,286,746	4,894,264	5,620,759	6,116,782
4,566,927	4,911,938	5,655,653	6,167,890
4,629,640	4,971,644	5,697,200	

Published U.S. Patent Applications

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It is requested that the Examiner review the above-identified references and make them of record in the instant application as required by M.P.E.P. § 609. It is also requested that the Examiner initial the enclosed duplicate substitute form 1449 and return one copy to the Applicants' undersigned representative.

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	AC	3,599,538	8/71	Piazz	493	194	
	AD	3,829,007	8/74	Ellison	383	104	
	AE	4,286,746	9/81	Gorshe	383	119	
	AF	4,448,320	5/84	Kapolas	215	346	
	AG	4,566,927	1/86	Wood	156	203	
	AH	4,629,640	12/86	Akao	428	35.3	
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	AP	4,997,504	3/91	Wood	156	204	
	AQ	5,133,088	7/92	Dunlap	2	241	
	AR	5,242,365	9/93	Counts, et al.	493	188	
	AS	5,512,337	4/96	Littman, et al.	428	35.4	
	AT	5,620,759	4/97	Insley, et al.	428	35.2	
	AU	5,655,653	8/97	Chester	206	63.5	
	AV	5,697,200	12/97	Insley, et al.	53	430	

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